

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-29 (cancelled)

30. (previously presented): A system for creating a list of selected works comprising:
a source of works which may include at least in part, an audio component;
a visual output device;
circuitry, coupled to the source and the output device, including executable
instructions for building a displayable inventory of works and for creating and displaying an
executable play list of works on the output device, including at least some of the works in the
inventory, at the same time that a portion of the inventory is being displayed; and
additional instructions for creating an editing command overlay for editing the
displayed list of works.

31. (previously presented): A system as in claim 30 which includes an output device
coupled to the building circuitry for presenting the works on the play list to the output device.

32. (previously presented): A system as in claim 31 which includes a device for
storage of digital representations of a plurality of works.

33. (previously presented): A system as in claim 32 which includes circuitry for
presenting the works on a selected, edited list to one of an audio output device or a video output
device.

34. (previously presented): A system as in claim 33 wherein the circuitry includes a
programmable processor.

35. (previously presented): A system as in claim 32 which includes instructions for
conducting analysis of the characteristics of works on a selected list.

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26. (previously presented): A system as in claim 25 which includes executable instructions for sorting works in accordance with a pre-selected parameter.

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27. (previously presented): A system as in claim 26 which includes instructions to present works, sorted in accordance with the pre-selected parameter, to the output device.

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28. (previously presented): A system as in claim 22 which includes instructions establishing information pertaining to at least one of invoicing, royalty paying, demand analysis, or, popularity of selected works.

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29. (previously presented): A system as in claim 22 which includes instructions to download a work on a selected play list wherein the work is not available locally.

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30. (previously presented): A system for creating a list of selected titles comprising: a source of works which may include, at least in part, an audio component; a visual output device; circuitry, coupled to the source and the output device, for building an inventory list of works and for creating a displayable list of works of at least some of the inventory on the output device wherein the circuitry includes instructions for selecting works to be included in the displayable list in accordance with a selected characteristic, and, for executing a plurality of such selected works.

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31. (previously presented): A system as in claim 30 which includes executable instructions for selecting works to be included in the displayable list in accordance with one of a selected audio characteristic, a selected video characteristic, or a selected popularity indicium.

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32. (previously presented): A system as in claim 31 which includes circuitry for editing a selected list.

14 43. (previously presented): A system as in claim 42 which includes instructions for displaying at least part of the inventory list simultaneously with displaying at least part of the edited list.

15 44. (previously presented): A system as in claim 45 which includes instructions for downloading a work not locally available.

16 45. (previously presented): A system as in claim 43 which includes instructions for presenting downloaded advertisements.

17 46. (previously presented): A system as in claim 43 which includes instructions for establishing at least one of royalty payments, or, billing information.

18 47. (previously presented): A system as in claim 46 which includes instructions for downloading a work not locally available.

19 48. (previously presented): A system comprising:
executable instructions for accessing at least one source of works;
executable instructions for creating at least one play list; and
executable instructions for presenting works on the at least one play list and for maintaining information pertaining to royalty payments for at least some of the presented works.

20 49. (previously presented): A system as in claim 48 which includes additional instructions for maintaining information as to popularity of various presented works.

21 50. (previously presented): A system as in claim 48 which includes instructions for presenting advertisements.

22 51. (previously presented): A system as in claim 48 which includes executable instructions for maintaining the source, at least in part, locally.

23 52. (previously presented): A system as in claim 48 which includes executable instructions for obtaining, from a remote source, selected works not locally available.

24 53. (previously presented): A system as in claim 52 which includes executable instructions for visually presenting at least one play list.

25 54. (previously presented): A system as in claim 53 which includes executable instructions for simultaneously displaying at least part of an inventory of works and at least part of a selected play list.

26 55. (previously presented): A system as in claim 53 which includes instructions for creating and storing a plurality of different play lists.

27 56. (previously presented): A system as in claim 48 which includes executable instructions for selecting a plurality of works in accordance with a predetermined performance parameter.

28 57. (previously presented): A system as in claim 56 wherein the executable instructions select works in accordance with pre-specified beats per time interval.

58-61. (cancelled)

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(currently amended): A system as in claim 61 comprising:
executable instructions for accessing at least one source of works;
executable instructions for creating and storing multiple play lists;

executable instructions for executing a selected play list and for maintaining popularity information pertaining to works from at least one executed play list, which includes executable instruction whereby works are selected in accordance with pre-established criterion; and

wherein the criterion corresponds to beats per unit time and the executable instructions select works in accordance therewith.

63-64. (cancelled)

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(currently amended): A system as in claim 64 comprising:
executable instructions for accessing at least one source of works;
executable instructions for creating and storing multiple play lists;
executable instructions for executing a selected play list and for displaying advertisements, which includes instructions for selecting works in accordance with a predetermined criterion; and wherein the criterion corresponds to beats per unit time and the executable instructions select works in accordance therewith.

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(previously presented): A system comprising:
executable instructions for accessing at least one source of works;
executable instructions for creating at least one play list by selecting works in accordance with a predetermined criterion; and
executable instructions for executing the play list and for maintaining information pertaining to at least one of billing information; royalty payments and popularity of works.

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(currently amended): A system comprising:
first software executable at least in part at a user station for creating enabling a user to create a plurality of play lists of multiple works; and
second software executable at least in part at the user station for downloading at least some of the works on a selected play list, via a communications network available at least intermittently, from a remote source, to the user station.

33 68. (previously presented): A system as in claim *67* wherein at least some of the works on the list are presented at the user station at substantially the same time they are downloaded.

34 69. (previously presented): A system as in claim *67* wherein at least some of the works on the list are downloaded each time they are presented on the user station.

35 70. (previously presented): A system as in claim *67* wherein at least one work on the list is downloaded after determining that the work is not available at the user station.

36 71. (previously presented): A system as in claim *67* wherein works available at the user station may be included on the list.

37 72. (previously presented): A system as in claim *67* which includes collection software to collect information used for royalty-related payments that result from presenting works on the list, wherein the software is located, at least in part, at one of the user station or the remote source.

38 73. (previously presented): A system as in claim *67* which includes collection software to collect information used to keep track of the popularity of at least some of the presented works, wherein the software is located, at least in part, at one of the user station or the remote source.

39 74. (previously presented): A system as in claim *67* wherein the user station graphically displays simultaneously at least some of an inventory of available works at the remote source and at least a part of the list.

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25. (previously presented): A system as in claim *74* which includes control software enabling a local user to select works from the remote inventory for insertion in the list, wherein the software is located, at least in part, at one of the user station or the remote source.

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26. (previously presented): A system as in claim *67* which includes control software enabling a local user to sort at least some works in a remote inventory based on user specified selected characteristics of the works and view a screen containing at least some of the sorted works, wherein the control software is located, at least in part, at one of the user station or the remote source.

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27. (previously presented): A system as in claim *67* which includes control software enabling a local user to restrict the works displayed from a remote inventory based on user specified selected characteristics of the works and view a screen containing at least some of the selected works, wherein the control software is located, at least in part, at one of the user station or the remote source.

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28. (previously presented): A system as in claim *67* which includes software for controlling a media writing device, coupled to the user station, whereby selected works on the list can be written to a removable medium after the works are downloaded.

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29. (previously presented): A system as in claim *67* which includes software for controlling a media writing device, coupled to the user station, whereby selected works on the list can be written to a removable medium at substantially the same time the works are downloaded.

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30. (previously presented): A system as in claim *67* which includes software enabling a user to preview at least a part of a work, wherein the software is located, at least in part, at one of the user station or the remote source and, wherein the work to be previewed is one of, on the list, or, in an inventory of works at the remote source.

46 81. (previously presented): A system as in claim *67* wherein at least some of the works on the list include advertisements.

47 82. (previously presented): A system as in claim *67* wherein additional works comprising advertisements are presented at the user station at substantially the same time that works on the list are downloaded to the user station.

48 83. (previously presented): A system as in claim *68* wherein additional works comprising advertisements are presented at the user station at substantially the same time that works on the list are presented at the user station.

49 84. (previously presented): A system as in claim *67* which includes software to collect information used for billing-related purposes based on works on the list that have been presented wherein the software is located, at least in part, at one of the user station or the remote source.

50 85. (previously presented): A system as in claim *67* which includes software to collect information used for billing-related purposes based on presented advertisements, wherein the software is located, at least in part, at one of the user station or the remote source.

51 86. (previously presented): A system as in claim *67* which includes software to calculate beats per minute for at least some works on the list, wherein the software is located, at least in part, at one of the user station or the remote source.

52 87. (previously presented): A system as in claim *67* which includes software to monitor one of billing or credit.

~~53~~ 88. (previously presented): A system as in claim ~~67~~ which includes software for controlling a credit establishing unit comprising at least one of a card reader or a vending unit.

~~54~~ 89. (previously presented): A system as in claim ~~67~~ which includes software enabling a local user to produce a report at least in part, of the works on the list.

~~55~~ 90. (previously presented): A system as in claim ~~67~~ wherein at least some of the downloaded works on the list comprise video.

~~56~~ 91. (previously presented): A system as in claim ~~67~~ wherein at least some of the downloaded works on the list are selected from a class which includes at least one of audio works, moving video works, still video works, and other predetermined sensory works.

~~57~~ 92. (currently amended): A method comprising:
creating a plurality of play lists ~~of~~ with each list including multiple works;
presenting the works on a selected play list to a user, including downloading at least some of the works on the list from a remote source, via a communications network that is available at least intermittently, at a user station.

~~58~~ 93. (previously presented): A method as in claim ~~92~~ wherein at least some of the works are presented at the user station at substantially the same time they are downloaded.

~~59~~ 94. (previously presented): A method as in claim ~~92~~ wherein at least some of the works are downloaded each time they are presented on the user station.

~~60~~ 95. (previously presented): A method as in claim ~~92~~ wherein at least one work is downloaded after determining that the work is not available at the user station.

61 ⁵⁷ 96. (previously presented): A method as in claim 92 wherein works available at the user station may be included on the list.

62 ⁵⁷ 97. (previously presented): A method as in claim 92 which includes collecting information pertaining to presented works to be used for royalty-related payments.

63 ⁵⁷ 98. (previously presented): A method as in claim 92 which includes collecting information used to keep track of the popularity of at least some of the works presented to the user.

64 ⁵⁷ 99. (previously presented): A method as in claim 92 including graphically displaying simultaneously at least some of the inventory of available works at the remote source and at least a part of the list.

100 ⁶⁴ 100. (previously presented): A method as in claim 99 which includes enabling a local user to select works from the remote inventory for insertion in the list.

101 ⁵⁷ 101. (previously presented): A method as in claim 92 which includes enabling a local user to sort at least some works in a remote inventory based on user specified characteristics of the works and to view a screen containing at least some of the sorted works.

102 ⁵⁷ 102. (previously presented): A method as in claim 92 which includes enabling a local user to select at least some works in a remote inventory based on user specified characteristics of the works and to view a screen containing at least some of the selected works.

103 ⁵⁷ 103. (previously presented): A method as in claim 92 which includes controlling a media writing device, coupled to the user station, whereby selected works can be written to a removable medium after the works are downloaded.

69 104. (previously presented): A method as in claim 92 which includes controlling a media writing device, coupled to the user station, whereby selected works on the list can be written to a removable medium at substantially the same time the works are downloaded.

70 105. (previously presented): A method as in claim 92 which includes enabling a user to preview at least a part of a work, and, wherein the work to be previewed is one of, on the list, or, in an inventory of works at the remote source.

71 106. (previously presented): A method as in claim 92 wherein at least some of the works on the list include advertisements.

72 107. (previously presented): A method as in claim 92 including presenting at the user station additional works comprising advertisements at substantially the same time that works on the list are downloaded to the user station.

73 108. (previously presented): A method as in claim 92 including presenting at the user station additional works comprising advertisements at substantially the same time that works on the list are presented at the user station.

74 109. (previously presented): A method as in claim 92 including collecting information used for billing-related purposes based on the presented works.

75 110. (previously presented): A method as in claim 92 which includes collecting information used for billing-related purposes based on presented advertisements.

76 111. (previously presented): A method as in claim 92 which includes calculating beats per minute for at least some works on the list.

77 (previously presented): A method as in claim 92 including monitoring one of billing or credit based on presented works.

78 (previously presented): A method as in claim 92 including controlling a credit establishing unit comprising at least one of a card reader or a vending unit.

79 (previously presented): A method as in claim 92 which includes enabling a local user to produce a report of at least some of the works on the list.

80 (previously presented): A method as in claim 92 wherein at least some of the downloaded works comprise video.

81 (previously presented): A method as in claim 92 wherein at least some of the downloaded works are selected from a class which includes at least one of audio works, moving video works, still video works, and other predetermined sensory works.

82 (previously presented): A system comprising;
a first plurality of pre-stored instructions enabling a user to identify a selected plurality of works;

a second plurality of pre-stored instructions for presenting members of the plurality of works at a presenting station;

a third plurality of pre-stored instructions for establishing at least intermittently, a communications link between a source of works and the presenting station with at least some of the works provided at the presenting station, via the link, each time they are presented; and

a fourth plurality of pre-stored instructions responsive to the presented works for at least one of collecting royalty payment information, establishing a credit, collecting information for billing, accumulating popularity information or generating selected reports with at least a portion of the first plurality of instructions located at one of the presenting station or the source.

118-131. (cancelled)

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132. (previously presented) A method comprising:
creating at least one list of multiple works;
presenting the works on the list to a user, including downloading at least some of the works on the list, via a communications network, that is available at least intermittently, from a remote source, to a user station; and
including controlling a credit establishing unit comprising at least one of a card reader or a vending unit.

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133. (previously presented) A system comprising:
executable instructions for accessing at least one source of works;
executable instructions for creating at least one play list;
executable instructions for executing the at least one play list and for maintaining popularity information pertaining to works from the at least one executed play list;
which includes executable instructions whereby works are selected in accordance with a pre-established criterion; and
wherein the criterion corresponds to beats per unit time and the executable instructions select works in accordance therewith.

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134. (previously presented) A system comprising:
executable instructions for accessing at least one source of works;
executable instructions for creating at least one play list;
executable instructions for executing the play list and for displaying advertisements,

which includes instructions for selecting works in accordance with predetermined criterion, and

wherein the criterion corresponds to beats per unit time and the executable instructions select works in accordance therewith.

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(previously presented) A system comprising:

first software executable at least in part at a user station for creating at least one list of multiple works;

second software executable at least in part at the user station for downloading at least some of the works on the list, available at least intermittently via a communications network, from a remote source, to the user station; and

which includes collection software to collect information used for royalty-related payments that result from presenting works on the list, and wherein the software is located, at least in part, at one of the user station or the remote source.

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(previously presented) A system comprising:

first software executable at least in part at a user station for creating at least one list of multiple works;

second software executable at least in part at the user station for downloading at least some of the works on the list, via a communications network, available at least intermittently from a remote source, to the user station; and

which includes collection software to collect information used to keep track of the popularity of at least some of the presented works, wherein the software is located, at least in part, at one of the user station or the remote source.

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(previously presented) A system comprising:

first software executable at least in part at a user station for creating at least one list of multiple works;

second software executable at least in part at the user station for downloading at least some of the works on the list, via a communications network, available at least intermittently, from a remote source, to the user station; and

which includes software to collect information used for billing-related purposes based on presented advertisements, wherein the software is located, at least in part, at one of the user station or the remote source.

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~~138.~~ (previously presented) A system comprising:
first software executable at least in part at a user station for creating at least one list of multiple works;

second software executable at least in part at the user station for downloading at least some of the works on the list; via a communications network, available at least intermittently, from a remote source, to the user station; and

which includes software to calculate beats per minute for at least some works on the list, wherein the software is located, at least in part, at one of the user station or the remote source.

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~~139.~~ (previously presented) A system comprising:
first software executable at least in part at a user station for creating at least one list of multiple works;

second software executable at least in part at the user station for downloading at least some of the works on the list, via a communications network, available at least intermittently, from a remote source, to the user station; and

which includes software to monitor one of billing or credit.

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~~140.~~ (previously presented) A system comprising:
first software executable at least in part at a user station for creating at least one list of multiple works;

second software executable at least in part at the user station for downloading at least some of the works on the list, via a communications network, available at least intermittently from a remote source, to the user station; and

which includes software for controlling a credit establishing unit comprising at least one of a card reader or a vending unit.

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141. (previously presented) A method comprising:
creating at least one list of multiple works;
presenting the works on the list to a user, including downloading at least some of the works on the list, via a communications network, available at least intermittently from a remote source, to a user station; and
which includes collecting information pertaining to presented works to be used for royalty-related payments.

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142. (previously presented) A method comprising:
creating at least one list of multiple works;
presenting the works on the list including downloading at least some of the works on the list, via a communications network, available at least intermittently, from a remote source, to a user station; and
which includes collecting information used to keep track of the popularity of at least some of the works presented to the user.

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143. (previously presented) A method comprising:
creating at least one list of multiple works;
presenting the works on the list including downloading at least some of the works on the list, via a communications network, available at least intermittently, from a remote source, to a user station; and
which includes calculating beats per minute for at least some works on the list.

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~~144.~~ (previously presented) A method comprising:
creating at least one list of multiple works;
presenting the works on the list including downloading at least some of the works
on the list, via a communications network, available at least intermittently, from a remote source,
to a user station; and

including monitoring one of billing or credit based on presented works.

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~~145.~~ (currently amended) A system comprising:
first software executable at least in part at a user station for creating at least one
list of multiple works; and
second software executable at least in part at the user station for downloading
at least at least some of the works on the list, via a communications network available at least
intermittently, from a remote source, to the user station which includes software to collect
information used for billing-related purposes based on works on the list that have been presented
wherein the software is located, at least in part, at one of the user station or the remote source.